

*Westminster By-The-Sea Presbyterian Church*  
*The Rev. Dr. Jeffrey Sumner*  
*August 28, 2022*

*Gathering*

PRELUDE

“All Creatures of Our God and King/Simple Gifts” Porter

INTROIT “O That I Had a Thousand Voices” McDonald  
Chancel Choir

OPENING WORDS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsively)

One: This day is a culmination of many Sundays together!

**ALL: We give thanks for each other.**

One: May the Lord bless and keep us in the future.

**ALL: And may the Lord give us good tidings of comfort  
and joy to remember and to share with others!**

HYMN 1 “Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!”

*Nicaea*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (unison)

Dear Lord: today we give you thanks for the journey that our Pastor and his family have taken with this congregation. We have grown older together and perhaps wiser together too. Now we pause to give profound thanks for one another: for Staff and Elders, for congregation members and congregation friends. And we give our thanks to you, O God, the giver of our good gifts, for accompanying us this far. Walk with us still, or should

we promise to walk with *you* still? We will do so, dear Lord Jesus, as we honor you as Savior of our lives. Amen.

SPOKEN RESPONSE:

ONE: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God!

ALL: It is right to give our thanks and praise!

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*Amazing Grace*

“When we’ve been there ten thousand years,  
bright shining as the sun!

We’ve no less days to sing God’s praise,  
than when we’d first begun!”

*The Word*

MESSAGE FOR CHILDREN

“A Well-Used Bible”

FIRST LESSON - Ecclesiastes 3:1

KJV

SECOND LESSON - Philippians 4:1-9; 13

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ANTHEM “In Christ Alone”

Chancel Choir

GOSPEL LESSON – Matthew 28: 18-20

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RESPONSE

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God!

SERMON “Reflections of a Departing Pastor”

Rev. Sumner



SOME INFORMATION OF INTEREST REGARDING REV. SUMNER:

During his tenure at Westminster By-The-Sea Church:

He welcomed 1605 New members (the first was MaryAnn!)

He baptized 247 persons (187 child; 60 adults)

He presided over 267 Weddings

He was a Commissioner to the Presbyterian General Assembly in 1995

He initiated (with Dr. Dan Hale) the Body Mind and Soul Health Ministry in 1998

He was Moderator of Central Florida Presbytery in 2002

He was Chair of Presbytery Council in 2003

He served Two Terms as Moderator of the CFP Permanent Judicial Commission

He was an advisor or Board Member of the Presbyterian Counseling Center from 1986 through 2022

*September Preachers*

September 4	The Rev. Dr. Dan Williams Executive Presbyter Central Florida Presbytery
September 11	Tobias Caskey Certified Pastor
September 18	The Rev. Dr. Radford Rader